

# FY2024 Agriculture Appropriations: Status and Scope

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## Status of Agriculture Appropriations

The Agriculture appropriations bill—formally known as the Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act—funds the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), excluding the U.S. Forest Service. It also funds the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) in the Department of Health and Human Services and, in even-numbered fiscal years, the Commodity Futures Trading Commission (CFTC).

**Table 1** shows the status for FY2024 and the previous two years. For FY2024, both the House and Senate appropriations committees have reported bills. The House bill was defeated on the floor. A continuing resolution is funding the government through November 17, 2023.

**Table 1. Status of FY2022-FY2024 Agriculture Appropriations**

FY2022		FY2023		FY2024						
Enacted <sup>a</sup>	Enacted <sup>b</sup>	Admin Request	House			Senate			CR	Enacted
			Subcmte	House Cmte	Floor	Subcmte	Senate Cmte	Floor		
3/15/2022 P.L. 117-103, Division A Cong. Rec. 3/9/2022, Book III	12/29/2022 P.L. 117-328, Division A Cong. Rec. 12/20/2022 S7819	3/13/2023 OMB Appendix USDA FDA CFTC FCA	5/18/2023 Voice vote	6/14/2023 H.R. 4368 H.Rept. 118-124 Vote of 34-27	9/28/2023 H.R. 4368 Failed by vote of 191-237	X	6/22/2023 S. 2131 S.Rept. 118-44 Vote of 28-0	—	9/30/2023 P.L. 118-15	—

Source: CRS using Congress.gov, OMB, and agency websites.

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**Notes:** OMB = Office of Management and Budget; USDA = U.S. Department of Agriculture; FDA = Food and Drug Administration; FCA = Farm Credit Administration; CFTC = Commodity Futures Trading Commission; X = did not occur; CR = continuing resolution.

- a. For FY2022, see House-reported [H.R. 4356](#) and [H.Rept. 117-82](#), House-passed [H.R. 4502](#) (Division B), and Senate-reported [S. 2599](#) and [S.Rept. 117-34](#).
- b. For FY2023, see House-reported [H.R. 8239](#) and [H.Rept. 117-392](#), House-passed [H.R. 8294](#) (Division B), and Senate-introduced [S. 4661](#) with [unofficial explanation](#).

## Scope of Agricultural Spending

The federal budget treats discretionary and mandatory spending differently. Congress organizes committees around these types of spending and the corresponding responsibilities for [authorizing and appropriating](#). Federal spending for agricultural programs relies on both types of spending.

- **Discretionary spending** receives most of the attention during the appropriations process. Budget enforcement is through budget resolutions that set spending limits. Discretionary spending typically includes agency operations and grant programs. In FY2023, discretionary Agriculture appropriations were \$25.5 billion (**Table 2, Figure 1**).
- **Mandatory spending** is minimally addressed during the appropriations process and supports entitlement programs. Budget enforcement occurs during the authorization process (e.g., [omnibus farm bills](#), which follow budget rules including Pay-As-You-Go). In FY2023, mandatory agriculture and nutrition spending was \$216 billion.

## Appropriations Amounts

For FY2024 USDA and FDA agency operations, the House-reported bill proposes \$25.9 billion, a \$615 million reduction (-2%) compared with FY2023. The Senate-reported bill proposes \$26.8 billion, a \$289 million increase (+1%). Both are less than the Administration’s request (**Table 2**).

For the official total discretionary budget authority, the House-reported bill proposes \$17.8 billion compared with \$26 billion in the Senate-reported bill. Besides differences for agency operations, the House-reported bill proposes larger rescissions and scorekeeping adjustments (-\$8.4 billion; **Table 2**). The House-reported bill’s rescissions include \$5.8 billion from P.L. 117-169, commonly referred to as the Inflation Reduction Act, for [farm loan debt relief and rural energy](#) programs and \$1.7 billion from limiting the [Commodity Credit Corporation](#) and [Section 32](#) accounts. The net effect of amendments adopted on the House floor (but not approved on final passage) would have further reduced the appropriation more than 14%.

**Table 2. Agriculture and Related Agencies Appropriations, FY2022-FY2024**

Budget authority in millions of dollars

Agencies and Programs	FY2022		FY2023		FY2024			Proposed Change from FY2023 to FY2024:	
	P.L. 117-103	P.L. 117-328	Admin. request	House-reported H.R. 4368	Senate-reported S. 2131	Enacted	House	Senate	

**Discretionary Accounts**

Agencies and Programs	FY2022	FY2023	FY2024				Proposed Change from FY2023 to FY2024:	
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<b>Research, Education, and Economics</b> (Agricultural Research Service, National Institute of Food and Agriculture, National Agricultural Statistics Service, Economic Research Service)	3,676	3,823	4,188	3,732	3,868	—	-91	+45
<b>Marketing and Regulatory Programs</b> (Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Agricultural Marketing Service)	1,341	1,413	1,448	1,355	1,420	—	-58	+7
<b>Food Safety and Inspection Service</b>	1,109	1,158	1,290	1,197	1,205	—	+39	+47
<b>Farm Service Agency, Risk Management Agency, Business Center</b>	1,868	1,923	2,020	1,904	1,947	—	-19	+23
<b>Natural Resources Conservation Service</b> (Conservation Operations, Watershed and Flood Prevention, Watershed Rehabilitation, Healthy Forests, Urban Agriculture)	1,005	1,034	1,227	911	1,015	—	-122	-19
<b>Rural Development</b> (Rural Housing Service, Rural Business Cooperative Service, Rural Utilities Service)	3,970	4,079	4,861	4,038	3,941	—	-41	-138
<b>Food and Nutrition Service</b> (Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children; Commodity Assistance Programs; Nutrition Programs Administration) <sup>a</sup>	6,709	6,741	7,066	6,638	7,027	—	-102	+286
<b>Foreign Agricultural Service</b> (Food for Peace, McGovern-Dole)	2,217	2,242	2,311	2,223	2,297	—	-18	+55
<b>USDA Departmental Administration</b> and other appropriations in <b>General Provisions</b>	666	578	733	416	541	—	-162	-37
<b>Food and Drug Administration</b>	3,317	3,543	3,915	3,504	3,563	—	-39	+20
<b>Subtotal: Agency Operations</b>	25,878	26,534	29,059	25,919	26,822	—	-615	+289
<b>Commodity Futures Trading Commission</b> <sup>b</sup>	382	[365]	295	345	[365] <sup>c</sup>	—	-20	[+0]
<b>Rescissions, Changes in Mandatory Spending, Scorekeeping Adjustments</b>	-1,139	-1,061	-462	-8,430	-833	—	-7,369	+228
<b>Total, Discretionary Budget Authority</b>								
<b>Senate Jurisdiction</b> <sup>b</sup>	[24,738]	25,471	28,595	[17,488]	25,988	—	-7,983	+517
<b>House Jurisdiction</b> <sup>b</sup>	25,120	[25,836]	28,890	17,833	[26,353]	—	-8,003	[+517]
<b>Mandatory Spending</b>								
Federal Crop Insurance Corporation	12,281	15,395	14,695	14,695	14,695	—	-700	-700
Commodity Credit Corporation	14,402	16,832	10,612	10,612	10,612	—	-6,220	-6,220
Section 32 (Funds for Strengthening Markets, Income, and Supply)	1,391	1,483	1,574	574	1,574	—	-910	+90
Child Nutrition Programs <sup>a</sup>	26,789	28,456	32,009	31,973	32,001	—	+3,517	+3,545

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Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), and Food & Nutrition Act Programs <sup>a</sup>	140,438	153,861	149,641	121,992	122,133	—	-31,869	-31,728
<b>Total, Mandatory Spending</b>	195,301	216,027	208,531	179,846	181,015	—	-36,182	-35,013
<b>Loan Authority</b>								
Rural Development Programs	46,208	46,870	44,874	45,979	45,884	—	-891	-986
Farm Loan Program	10,386	10,652	10,686	10,686	10,686	—	+33	+33

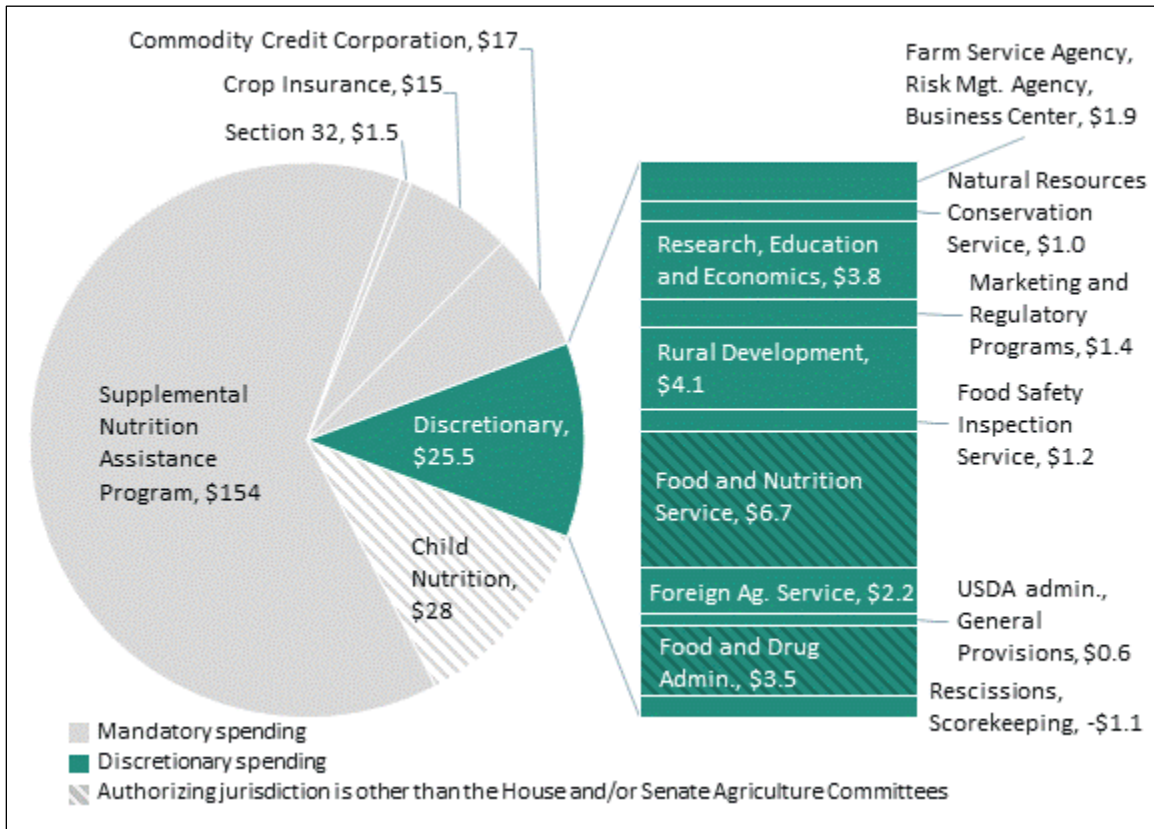
**Source:** CRS using appropriations text, reports, and unpublished Congressional Budget Office (CBO) tables.

**Notes:** Amounts are nominal budget authority. Numbers may not sum due to rounding. Excludes supplemental appropriations.

- a. Reflects that CBO scores a portion of the Child Nutrition Program and SNAP as discretionary spending (usually less than \$100 million).
- b. Chamber notation refers to Agriculture appropriations jurisdiction. Bracketed amounts [ ] are noted for comparison. Enacted CFTC appropriations rotate annually between Agriculture and Financial Services subcommittees.
- c. S. 2309, Financial Services and General Government Appropriations Act, 2024.

**Figure 1. Agriculture and Related Agencies Appropriations, FY2023**

Budget authority in billions of dollars



Source: CRS, Table 2.

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